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WASHINGTON, October 18, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 13 totaled 339,262, down 3.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 and 1.3 percent below the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 3.6 percent in the West and 4.1 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, loadings of metals and products rose 1,224 cars (13.4 percent). Grain loadings were down 3,136 cars (10.7 percent), and loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand declined 2,736 cars (14.7 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 41 weeks of 1990 totaled 13,874,955 up 1.0 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 127,244 trailers and containers for the week ended October 13, up 2.5 percent from 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 41 weeks of 1990 was 4,867,365 trailers and containers, 3.7 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended October 13 totaled 20.7 billion, down 2.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 41 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 823.5 billion ton-miles, up 3.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 1990	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,261	29,397	-10.7 %	23,503	11.7 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	3,333	2,891	15.3	2,839	17.4
Metallic Ores	15,682	17,385	-9.8	16,156	-2.9
Coal	131,170	134,370	-2.4	133,847	-2.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,900	18,636	-14.7	16,672	-4.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,353	10,325	-9.4	10,206	-8.4
Grain Mill Products	10,342	10,153	1.9	10,165	1.7
Food & Kindred Products	8,905	8,753	1.7	8,902	.0
Primary Forest Products	9,546	10,523	-9.3	9,776	-2.4
Lumber & Wood Products	5,659	6,584	-14.0	5,219	8.4
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,933	10,486	-5.3	10,311	-3.7
Chemicals	27,227	27,636	-1.5	28,038	-2.9
Petroleum Products	5,351	5,448	-1.8	5,364	-.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,526	11,360	-7.3	10,670	-1.3
Coke	5,621	5,569	.9	6,001	-6.3
Metals & Products	10,353	9,129	13.4	10,873	-4.8
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,912	18,219	3.8	19,698	-4.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,098	8,819	3.2	8,898	2.2
All Other Carloads	6,090	7,235	-15.8	6,621	-8.0
Total	339,262	352,918	-3.9 %	343,759	-1.3 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 1990			CUMULATIVE: 41 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 13, 1990		
	1990	1989	CHANGE	1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	339,262	352,918	-3.9 %	13,874,955	13,744,269	1.0 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	69,892	72,014	-2.9	2,716,093	2,741,007	-.9
Containers	57,352	52,136	10.0	2,151,272	1,953,757	10.1
Total	127,244	124,150	2.5	4,867,365	4,694,764	3.7
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.7	21.2	-2.4 %	823.5	796.7	3.4 %